

REMARKS

Each of Claims 65, 67, 69 and 71 has been amended merely to remove unnecessary language therein, and in some cases, to replace same with other language. Each of Claims 65, 67, 69 and 71 is no narrower by virtue of its amendment herein. No new matter has been added by virtue of these amendments.

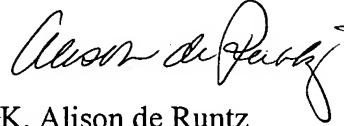
The specification has been amended to reflect the maturity of United States Patent Application No. 10/143,300 into United States Patent No. 6,676,816. No new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment to the specification.

Claims 49-73 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-13, 16, 17, 25-31, 34-36, 39, 40, 44, 46-49, 61 and 66-70 of United States Patent No. 6,676,816. A terminal disclaimer concerning same is submitted herewith. This submission of the terminal disclaimer simply serves an expedient as to the removal of these rejections. It is not an admission or an acquiescence, and raises neither a presumption nor an estoppel, as to the merits of these rejections. *Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary District*, 946 F.2d 870, 20 USPQ2d 1392 (Fed.Cir. 1991). It is believed that these rejections have been overcome.

The Office's indication that upon resolution of the above-mentioned obviousness-type double patenting rejections, Claims 49-73 are allowable, is acknowledged and much appreciated. The Office has provided a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. As to United States Patent No. 6,338,790 to Feldman *et al.* (hereinafter, "Feldman"), it is submitted that same does not preclude patentability of Claims 49-73 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c)(1). As such, no comment of the Office concerning Feldman, other than the reference to common ownership, is addressed or conceded herein. As to the comments of the Office as to United States Patent Nos. 4,421,751 and 4,382,872, and the articles of Yu *et al.* and Gholamkhash *et al.*, it is submitted that the teaching and/or lack thereof as to each of these references is as contained in each of these references. It is submitted that Claims 49-73 are allowable in view of the art of record on the basis that there is no teaching or suggestion in same of the invention of each of Claims 49-73.

In view of the foregoing, an early indication that the application is in condition for allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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